

Samuel Seward Home
Independence, Washington County, Texas

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Owner Lloyd Frazier, Clay Station, Texas.

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Date of Erection 1885. 1927

Architect

Builder Samuel Seward

Present Condition Fair

Number of Stories Two stories

Other Existing Records

Materials of Construction Frame, weatherboarded and built throughout with cedar.

Additional Data Samuel Seward was a planter from Virginia. This home was one of the first in this section to be weatherboarded with cedar boards. The lumber was sawed by hand by slave labor. The floors and framework in this home are the original. Floors of porch and house and the chimneys are the original.

Has but little architectural value though it is commendable that the builder avoided the then pervading epidemic of the Greek Revival. A certain homelike charm has been lost through the use of one-light windows to take the place of the original windows. The Searlds were people of wealth, as wealth was reckoned, in their period. They were also prominent in public affairs and left an enviable reputation throughout their part of the State. A son, J. H. Seward built his home, a more ambitious effort, architecturally, a mile or two distant from this subject.

HAS BEEN RESTORED (1970)

OWNER, 1970 C. DILLON ANDERSON

SHUFFLER, RALPH HENDERSON. THE HOUSTONS AT TEXAS

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